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From The President's Chair

Dear Friends,

While the glow of the 32nd Annual Conference is still fresh in our memories, we can say that fall in Wisconsin's State Capitol is spectacular!!!

There are so many that made the conference really terrific! Sue Paulson, Public Relations Director at the U.S. Forest Product Laboratory went out of her way to insure that we would have a special tour, knowing the interest of our group. A big thank you to Steve

Schmieding, who videotaped our lectures and took photos! Many thanks to Jerry Winandy, Assistant Director - Engineering Composites at USFPL for his insight into the amazing projects undertaken at FPL, especially during WWII! Our tour of the FPL Research House of the Future with new products was amazing! See the over 100,000 Center of Wood from all over the world with the knowledgeable Regis Miller was fascinating! Learning about Paper Science in the tour of the Paper and Pulp Center was of great interest to our group. Touring the FPL Engineering Lab with sheer and stress machines - one even used for WWII and the NASA Space Shuttle over 2 M PSI - was just incredible!

Congratulations to John Koning - Fixmer Award - USFPL! Congratulations to the Lake States Women in Timber - Connor Award! Paul DeLong, WDNR State Forester, discussed the history and the future of Wisconsin forests - thank you!

With many e-mails and plans, Dr. Kevin McSweeney, Director of the University of Wisconsin Arboretum arranged our terrific tour. The Native Garden Tour with Sue Carpenter was enjoyed by our members. Dr. McSweeney's speech, given by Molly - Assistant Director about the UW-Arboretum prepared us for the tour with Dr. Craig Lorimer, who spoke on the thinning process of the Aldo Leopold Pines. Thank you all for your preparation and work!

The University of Wisconsin - Department of Forestry, Ecology, and Wildlife with Dr. Ray Guries, Chairman, joined us for the lectures. Thank you! Had we been on time, Dr. Guries would have been on tour with us to the pines, as well! Dr. John Kotar - FHAW Secretary filled his large shoes! Associate Chairman, Dr. Scott Craven, who spoke on the Deer Population in Wisconsin, was wonderful to take time from his hectic fall schedule to join us. Dr. Craven's photos of "ex-closures" were startling! The deer are "mowing" the forest vegetation. The implications of major specie change in the forest ecosystem due to deer over-population needs to be continually addressed.

Dr. Ellsworth Brown at the Wisconsin History Museum (Wisconsin Historical Society), gave us food for thought on Saturday talking about the FHAW as "History Keepers." His job as a "History Keeper" is enormous and we were pleased to be able to see a very special small portion of the vast collection of materials about forest history at WHS. Peter Gottlieb, WHS Archives Director, toured the WHS Reading Room with FHAW members. The Reading Room Architectural Restoration Project will bring back the charm and grace of the incredible area open to the public. The restoration of the stained glass windows - junked in the 1950's - will be fantastic! The materials on display by Mr. Gottlieb included the first book published about trees in the world. Do you know about the Cornell Forests in Wisconsin? Most importantly, one of our members could identify his cousin in the famous WHS pointer boat photo and went on to say that he had the five original photo series of that river drive! Lee Michaels, WHS Special Collections Director, was busy with our

members interested in land survey photos, documents, corporate records, and maps! Our thanks to Dr. Brown, Director and his staff, who came to work on a Saturday Game Day!!! for us!!!!the FHAW!!!!

Finally, and not least, is a HUGE thank you to the Auction Committee!!! Helen and Karl Baumann, Karen and Bob Brisson, Randy Rohe, and Karen and Tom Albrecht for keeping things in order (or not)! The auction was FUN and successful! Our thanks to Jim Greer for sponsoring us for our Banquet and Auction at the Madison Club! The banquet was delicious!

Badger Bus - Thank you , as well as the Comfort Inn-East Washington - Thank you!

It takes many hours of planning and cooperation with many people to make a successful conference. Those of us that attended were so amazed, enlightened, and glad to see friends and meet new ones. Those members that did not attend - YOU MISSED IT!!!

Next year, the 33rd Annual Conference will be held in Hayward! COME AND SEE WHAT YOUR MEMBERSHIP HAS IN STORE FOR YOU!



**Join
the
Fun!**

**Mark your calendar
FALL 2008
33rd Annual FHAW
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in Cable, WI
at Telemark Lodge**

Do you have a conference museum that would like to have the FHAW exhibits? Please contact Miles Benson!



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2007 FHAW Awards

Lakes States Women in Timber



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John Koning

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32nd Annual Conference Review

Madison, Wisconsin

Friday Morning, September 14th - Opening of the 32nd Annual FHAW Conference

Boarding the Badger Bus EARLY in the morning, FHAW members gathered at the Comfort Inn, ready to go for an action packed day!

Sue Paulson, Director of Public Relation at the US Forest Product Laboratory, greeted our FHAW members!! She planned our tour of the Center for Wood and the Experimental House, and the Pulp and Paper Making Plant. The Center for Wood contains over 100,000 species and wood samples used for research and analysis, Interestingly, the Center is consulted for forensic work in crime cases! The case of the Lindberg baby is the most famous. Wood samples from all over the world are enhanced by specialty art and cultural pieces adorning the shelves and sample cases.

The Experimental House contains the latest in building techniques for better insulation and integrated building materials. USFPL worked diligently in researching particle board. Today, USFPL is leading the research in forest product energy efficiency. It was eye opening and useful for construction enthusiasts!

For those FHAW members that visited the Pulp and Papermaking Building, it was fantastic to see what USFPL has historically created to complete its research and assist industry and government. It was a learning experience for some members and a review of papermaking science for others. A FPL Composite Engineer, Tim, was leading the tour, but a former Consolidated Supervisor filled in all the information needed on papermaking from his many years in the business.

Returning to the 1931 architecturally classic headquarters building, FHAW members listened to Paul DeLong, Chief Forester for the WDNR, who gave an excellent lecture on "The Past and Future of Wisconsin Forests and Forest Management." Reiterating recent news stories of the problems of exotic species and the forest ecosystem, Wisconsin forests are facing longrange specie changes. The Emerald Ash Bore, Pine Beetle, Gypsy Moth, Tent Worm Larva, Hemlock Beetle, Pine Blight, Birch Bore Minor, and Butternut Virus all bode ill for Wisconsin forests.

This, of course, does not include water exotics, which will change Wisconsin's lakes forever. The WDNR is trying to deal with the infestation of Gobies, Milfoil, Rusty-red Crayfish, Fresh water jelly fish, and Zebra Mussels.

Paul DeLong emphasized that the WDNR is working on Cellulose Biomass for future fuel consumption. Creating a fuel from wood waste has enormous potential for heating needs and a reduction on foreign energy reliance.

Discussing "Global Warming," the WDNR is working to create a similar formula to the European system of Carbon Credits for industry.

This will remain a subject to watch in the future. In Europe, the "system" is enormously controversial.

The most elucidating discussion of timber ownership in Wisconsin riveted FHAW members. It was confirmed that in the last five years, timber ownership in Wisconsin has either gone out of state, to foreign ownership, or to the public. Although Wisconsin's Forest Products Industry is a \$28 BILLION business with 1 in 10 Wisconsin jobs in the industry, its future needs to be evaluated. It is clear that in the long run, forest education and multiple-use management are the key to Wisconsin forest sustainability.

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Jerry Winandy, Assistant Director for Composite Engineering at USFPL, followed Paul DeLong. "What has USFPL done for us in the past? What has USFPL done for us lately?" In the most interesting explanation, Mr. Winandy's photos and explanation included WWII aviation, ammunition and K-ration packaging, and ship building. USFPL, aside from the Experimental House, is working to reducing wood primary species with inclusion of the economical feasibility of utilization of the lesser species. What does that mean? That means that species of lesser value are being used in combination with plastics, synthetics, and metals to reduce costs within the forest products industry. "Less is More" in wood utilization. You can get more out of the standing timber. Product development is the key for future utilization and USFPL is at the forefront of utilization research.

After a lunch put on by Sue Paulson and Steve Schmieding for FHAW - Thank you to the USFPL Team!!! The Badger Bus departed to

USFPL for the University of Wisconsin Arboretum.

Thank you to Dr. Kevin McSweeney, Director of the UW Arboretum!! Hours of assistance with planning and many e-mails resulted in a terrific tour! We were met by Assistant Director Molly



Murray, Dr. Ray Guries, Chairman, UW Forestry and Wildlife Ecology Department, Dr. Scott Cravens, Associate Chairman, UW Forestry and



Wildlife Ecology Department, Dr. Craig Lorimer, UWF&W Dept. Our first lecture was by Assistant Director Molly (in Dr. Sweeney's stead) describing the historical context of the UW Arboretum. The Assistant Director pointed out that Aldo Leopold had hoped to have all of the ecosystems of Wisconsin represented at the UW Arboretum. Eventually, it was realized with soil study and vegetative study that this was not feasible, but Leopold's conservation ethic remains.

Dr. Scott Cravens, Associate Chairman, UW Forestry and Wildlife Ecology, updated the FHAW members

about "The Problems of Forest Species and the Wisconsin Deer Herd." Startling statistics about how many deer were thought to constitute the right amount on an acre and the actual number now determined to constitute the "right number" was amazing! Initially, it was thought that 15-20 deer per acre would be permissible. Studies have now shown that the permissible number to reduce deer impact on the forest ecosystem is 8-10



deer per acre!! To further illustrate his point, Dr. Craven had photos of deer "ex-closures." Fences to keep the deer out! The foliage inside the fence was bountiful, while the vegetation outside the fence looked like a manicured lawn! Wisconsin's deer over population will change the forest ecosystem because they are indiscriminate about browse. While Recreation Deer Hunting provides a huge economic stream for Wisconsin, the question of recreational balance and forest health is precarious.



Following the lectures, FHAV members were treated to Dr. Craig Lorimer's tour and "Study and Thinning of the Leopold Pines." A project undertaken by the UW Arb to reduce crowding of the Red Pine hand-planted years ago, this project allows forestry students to have "hands-on" experience

in evaluating forest growth. What is the optimal space between trees for growth? Why implement a thinning process? Why plan for the forest future? What is the desired outcome? Bumping up against forest science and public input, what are the political considerations of the thinning process? Future foresters learn some valuable lessons about forest management and the realities of environmental political pressure. The result has been not harvesting for economic return, but harvesting to replenish the forest floor of duff and humus. The harvesting looks unsightly. Interestingly it has not caused an outcry of "butchering the forest." As the process moves forward in years, like any harvest, the resulting thinning is spawning new species and a mixed age stand of hardwoods. Although the towering canopy of pines is still in existence, there is an undergrowth of mixed hardwood as the openings allow greater sunlight to filter through to the forest floor. The forest plan for the Leopold Pines will need to be continually re-evaluated.



While many members toured the Leopold Pines, others visited with Sue Carpenter of the UW Arb about the Native Plant Garden. Thank you Sue! The UW Arb is primarily a Prairie Restoration. Native flowers and grasses are growing! FHAV members saw flowering examples and seeds.



Members learned about native plants in their area!

With many thank you's to the UW Arb staff and Forestry School staff, the Badger Bus continued the tour...Time for the Auction and Banquet at the Madison Club! Thank you Brian and Madison Club Staff for a Wonderful banquet! Thank you, too, to Jim Greer, President of the Madison Club Foundation, for sponsoring FHAW!!!
The work of the FHAW Auction

Committee is GREATLY APPRECIATED! Karl Baumann and Bob Brisson auctioned items throughout the cocktail and dinner hours to make our auction a HUGE success! With the assistance of Randy Rohe, ever the auction blood hound, Randy provided



some terrific items, along with Jerry



Proprawski who comes all the way from Howard City, Michigan arms and boxes loaded! Thank you!!!! Helen Baumann and Karen Brisson are ever ready to be the Recorders and keep track of the CHAOS!! Thank you!!!!

Saturday, September 15th, the ever faithful Badger Bus arrived to bring FHAW members to the Wisconsin History Society (Wisconsin Historical Society). Dr. Ellsworth Brown, our friend and director, met again the bleary FHAW members with coffee and rolls! Dr. Brown's lecture pointed out that FHAW, even as a WHS affiliate, is the "History Keeper" for Wisconsin's distinguished forest history past. It is also FHAW's mission to remind and keep track of WHS and their interpretation of Wisconsin's forest history. There is a common bond about people from Wisconsin and their forest history. The story is critical to understanding Wisconsin's culture and its heritage.

The amount of information available at WHS and now on-line to the

public about Wisconsin's forest history impressed FHAW members. Peter Gottlieb, Director of Archives at WHS, toured FHAW members in the Reading Room. A high ceiling and columned former UW study room, this turn-of-the-century room is getting a facelift! Former stained glass windows that were destroyed in 1950's are being re-created. The former grandeur of the room is being restored to its beautiful heritage!

Peter Gottlieb had placed the first book published about forestry out for examination. Published in the 1600's, the fragile book was placed on archival cushions so that the binding would not be broken! Do you know about Wisconsin's Cornell University Forests? A book about its history graced the table. Located in the Lac du Flambeau area, the forest was created by the US Government. Pamphlets about early Wisconsin tourism and farming were displayed. Of great interest were photographs of early river logging in Wisconsin. The Pointer boats contained the cousin of FHAW member Eugene Harm and the cousin's friend. Eugene added that he had the five originals. This would be perhaps the last opportunity to find out the names of these early River Rats!!!

Lee Michaels, Director of Documents and Photographs, toured the FHAW members to the 4th floor; the main repository of corporate records, land records, maps, and photographs. The FHAW members were awed again by the information available to them!!! Many of you are "History Keepers" in your own area. Your knowledge is invaluable and many of you are genealogists. The WHS stands ready to assist you and has voluminous records to assist you in your projects. FHAW members standing in the archives with tables of material brought out for our visit realized we're appreciative of the WHS efforts in preserving Wisconsin's proud forest history. Our thanks to Dr. Ellsworth Brown, Peter Gottlieb, and Lee Michaels for their work (especially on a Saturday Badger Game Day) on our behalf!!

The 32nd Annual Conference of the Forest History Association of Wisconsin was a HUGE success. Knowledge gained was immeasurable. Our new words are "Forest History Keepers." Thank you to all who made the conference a success!!!!

For those of you that have ADDITIONAL PHOTOS of the conference, please send a disk or e-mail them to Jim Greer so that we can share them with everyone!



A REMINDER

When FHAW members renew their membership with the Wisconsin History Society, INDICATE on your WHS form that you are a member of FHAW.

\$\$\$ comes back to FHAW!!!

YOU MIGHT LIVE IN WISCONSIN...

- IF YOU CONSIDER IT A SPORT TO GATHER YOUR FOOD BY DRILLING THROUGH **38** INCHES OF ICE AND SITTING THERE ALL DAY HOPING THAT THE FOOD WILL SWIM BY.
- IF YOU'RE PROUD THAT YOUR REGION MAKES THE NATIONAL NEWS **96** NIGHTS EACH YEAR BECAUSE **PARK FALLS** IS THE COLDEST SPOT IN THE NATION.
 - IF YOU HAVE EVER REFUSED TO BUY SOMETHING BECAUSE IT'S "TOO SPENDY".
 - IF YOUR LOCAL **DAIRY QUEEN** IS CLOSED FROM **NOVEMBER** THROUGH **MARCH**.
- IF YOU INSTINCTIVELY WALK LIKE A PENGUIN FOR FIVE MONTHS OUT OF THE YEAR.
 - IF SOMEONE IN A STORE OFFERS YOU ASSISTANCE, AND THEY DON'T WORK THERE.
 - IF YOUR DAD'S SUNTAN STOPS AT A LINE CURVING AROUND THE MIDDLE OF HIS FOREHEAD.
- IF YOU MAY NOT HAVE ACTUALLY EATEN IT, BUT YOU HAVE HEARD OF **HEAD CHEESE**.
- IF YOU HAVE WORN SHORTS AND A PARKA AT THE SAME TIME.
- IF YOU HAVE EITHER A PET OR A CHILD NAMED "**BRETT**".
 - IF YOUR TOWN HAS AN EQUAL NUMBER OF BARS AND CHURCHES.
 - IF YOU HAVE HAD A LENGTHY TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH SOMEONE WHO DIALED A WRONG NUMBER.
- IF YOU KNOW HOW TO SAY **OCONOMOWOC, WAUKESHA, MENOMONIE & MANITOWOC**.
- IF YOU THINK THAT KETCHUP IS A LITTLE TOO SPICY.
 - YOUR IDEA OF A TRAFFIC JAM IS TEN CARS WAITING TO PASS A TRACTOR ON THE HIGHWAY.
- "VACATION" MEANS GOING UP NORTH PAST **HWY 8** FOR THE WEEKEND.
- YOU SEE PEOPLE WEARING CAMOUFLAGE AT SOCIAL EVENTS (INCLUDING WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS).

- YOU MEASURE DISTANCE IN HOURS.
- YOU KNOW SEVERAL PEOPLE WHO HAVE HIT DEER MORE THAN ONCE.
 - YOU OFTEN SWITCH FROM "HEAT" TO "**A/C**" IN THE SAME DAY AND BACK AGAIN.
 - YOUR WHOLE FAMILY WEARS **PACKER GREEN** TO CHURCH ON **SUNDAY**.
 - YOU CAN DRIVE **65** MPH THROUGH **2** FEET OF SNOW DURING A RAGING BLIZZARD, WITHOUT FLINCHING.
 - YOU INSTALL SECURITY LIGHTS ON YOUR HOUSE AND GARAGE AND LEAVE BOTH UNLOCKED.
 - YOU THINK OF THE MAJOR FOOD GROUPS AS BEER, FISH, AND VENISON.
 - YOU CARRY JUMPER CABLES IN YOUR CAR AND YOUR WIFE OR GIRLFRIEND KNOWS HOW TO USE THEM.
 - YOU DESIGN YOUR KID'S **HALLOWEEN** COSTUME TO FIT OVER A SNOWSUIT.
 - DRIVING IS BETTER IN THE WINTER BECAUSE THE POTHoles ARE FILLED WITH SNOW.
 - YOU REFER TO THE **PACKERS** AS "WE."
 - YOU KNOW ALL **4** SEASONS: ALMOST WINTER, WINTER, STILL WINTER AND ROAD CONSTRUCTION.
 - YOU HAVE NO PROBLEM PRONOUNCING **LAC DU FLAMBEAU**.
 - YOUR IDEA OF CREATIVE LANDSCAPING IS A STATUE OF A DEER NEXT TO YOUR BLUE SPRUCE.
 - A **BRAT** IS SOMETHING YOU EAT.
 - YOUR NEIGHBOR THROWS A PARTY TO CELEBRATE HIS NEW POLE SHED.
 - YOU GO OUT TO A FISH FRY EVERY **FRIDAY**.
 - YOUR **4TH** OF JULY PICNIC WAS MOVED INDOORS DUE TO FROST.
 - YOU HAVE MORE MILES ON YOUR SNOW BLOWER THAN YOUR CAR.
 - YOU FIND MINUS TWENTY DEGREES "A LITTLE CHILLY."

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